

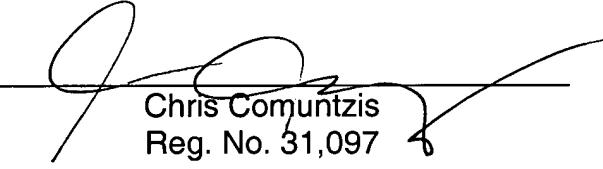
FUKUSHIMA  
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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 2-5 and 10-25 now stand in the present application, claims 1 and 6-9 having been canceled. More particularly, in order to expeditiously place this case in condition for allowance, the rejected claims have been canceled leaving only allowed claims 2-5 and 10-25 in the case. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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